



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "We must recognize that this short life can neither be ennobled nor enriched by hatred or revenge."

~ Robert F. Kennedy (Born: Nov. 20, 1925; Assassinated: June 6, 1968)

Dec. 16, 2015

Move the ReStore

The Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County ReStore is moving to its new location on South Auto Mall Rd. in January, and need your help to make it successful! They are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to deconstruct their current store, from shelving to fixtures and beyond! No special skills or experience are necessary; all tools and supplies will be provided. Minimum age is 16; 13 if with an adult. Interested? Please contact Sherrie Shuler, the ReStore Volunteer Coordinator, at (812) 331-2660 ext 204 or shuler@monroecountyhabitat.org. (www.monroecountyhabitat.org/restore)

Publication Volunteer

The Language Conservancy is seeking a committed individual, interested in Native American issues, to serve as a publication intern or volunteer. Candidate should have strong written and oral communication skills in English, and have experience or education in Mac computers, including image, audio, and text editing. Intern will work closely with the Publication Specialist to create learning materials. Projects may include reviewing and editing publications, fixing image files, compiling and proofing Optical Character Recognition and scanning of Crow, Hidatsa, and other languages. Please contact Sandra Messner at (812)961-6360 or sandy@languageconservancy.org. (www.languageconservancy.org)

RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program

The RSVP 55+ Volunteer Program, a national service program, is for volunteers age 55 and better who want to make a difference in our community. Numbering over 450 strong in Monroe and Owen Counties, RSVP volunteers serve in a variety of focus areas, leveraging their experience and knowledge. RSVP can assist you in finding volunteer roles based on your unique interests, talents, and availability. Scientific studies have shown that volunteers enjoy health benefits such as lower blood pressure, lower depression levels and less social isolation, and higher levels of brain functioning, higher levels of physical ability, and more happiness when compared to non-volunteers. Minimum age is 55. Please contact Mela Hatchett at (812) 876-3383 or rsvp@area10agency.org. (www.area10agency.org/rsvp)

4-H SPARK Club Volunteers

The 4-H SPARK Clubs offer youth in grades 3-12 a taste of 4-H. Each club focuses on one topic such as robotics, introduction to photography, learning to hike, and more. The possibilities for SPARK Club topics is endless! Clubs meet a minimum of six hours total, but have no maximum time limit. If you are interested in getting involved with Monroe County 4-H but don't have the availability to make a year-long commitment, this may be perfect for you! SPARK Clubs are a new feature of 4-H, so you will have the chance to shape them in conjunction with Katie Richard, the Monroe County 4-H Extension Educator. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Katie at (812) 349-2575 or richar76@purdue.edu. (www.extension.purdue.edu/monroe)

Family-Friendly Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Opportunities – Jan. 18

Volunteering teaches children valuable, real-life lessons about compassion and caring. It can also be a great way for kids to develop skills, learn more about their community and make friends. On Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 18, there are several volunteer opportunities that are perfect for families to do together. Examples include building bird and bee houses for the Bloomington Community Orchard, weaving stars for the Million Star Movement with Lotus, joining a workday at Windfall Dance Studio, going door-to-door for Pets Alive Spay Neuter Clinic, and more. Details and signup can be found on the website, www.bloomington.in.gov/mlk, or contact Bet Savich at (812) 349-3472 or volunteer@bloomington.in.gov.

Community Wish List Spotlight

Community Kitchen

Provides nutritious meals to anyone in need in our community. To grant a wish, contact Tim Clougher at (812) 332-0999 or assistantdirector@monroecommunitykitchen.com. (www.monroecommunitykitchen.com)

Wishes: snow blower, leaf blower, wheelbarrow, commercial scale, liquid measuring cups, Microplane shredder, paper lunch bags (size #4), non-perishable food.

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or buy a few items yourself. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit BloomingtonVolunteerNetwork.org or call 812-349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

